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SUBJ: MALIAN MILITARY ARRESTS: UPDATE

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1. ARREST OF COLONEL CHARLES SAMBA CISSOKHO, MALI'S FOREIGN MINISTER, WAS ANNOUNCED MARCH 8. MINISTER OF EDUCATION, LT. COLONEL YOUSSEUF TRAORE, ASSUMED INTERIM SUPERVISION OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNA-

TIONAL COOPERATION. AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING MARCH 8, PRESIDENT TRAORE ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD TAKE OVER DUTIES OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE, INTERIOR, AND SECURITY, AND THAT VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF PLAN BABA DIARRA WOULD TEMPOR-
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ARILY OVERSEE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER CISSOKHO'S ARREST IS ONE OF SEVERAL RESULTING FROM CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INTO COUP WHICH APPARENTLY WAS BEING PLANNED BY FORMER MINISTER OF DEFENSE, INTERIOR, AND SECURITY DOUKARA, DIRECTOR OF SECURITY SERVICES BAGAYOKO, AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT DEMBELE. AMONG

PROMINENT PERSONALITIES WHOM RUMOR MILL NOW REPORTS ARRESTED ARE: LT. COLONEL JOSEPH MARA, MEMBER OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION AND MAYOR OF KATI; LT. COLONEL MAMADOU MARIKO, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF; CAPTAIN NOUHOUM DIAWARA, QUARTERMASTER GENERAL; MAJOR AMADOU SOW, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SECURITY SERVICES (SINCE REPORTED RELEASED); AND MAJOR KOKO DEMBELE, GOVERNOR OF THE SEVENTH (GAO) REGION.

3. RADIO MALI HAS ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT TRAORE WILL LEAVE BAMAKO EARLY MARCH 11 TO JOIN PRESIDENTS SENGHOR AND OULD DADDAH ON A FUND-RAISING TRIP TO UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND SAUDI ARABIA ON BEHALF OF THE SENEGAL RIVER DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (OMVS).

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT MAY HAVE INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION WELL ENOUGH IN HAND TO GO ON TWO-DAY EXCURSION, LEAVING BAMAKO AT THIS TIME SEEMS DARING GESTURE. THE NET OF ARRESTS HAS BEEN CAST BROADLY ENOUGH TO ALARM MANY IN THE MILITARY SERVICES AND SOME THREATENED OFFICER MIGHT STAGE A COUP IN THE PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE TO SAVE HIS OWN NECK. BARRING SUCH A REVERSAL, HOWEVER, WE WOULD EXPECT ARRESTS AND CONSEQUENT GOVERNMENTAL INSTABILITY TO CONTINUE. INTERIM APPOINTMENTS OF VICE PRESIDENT AND OF MINISTER OF EDUCATION AS RESPECTIVE CARETAKERS FOR MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION SUGGEST THAT PRESIDENT TRAORE AND COLLEAGUES
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WHO REMAIN ON MILITARY COMMITTEE ARE FOR FROM ESTABLISHING NEW ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.
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